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## THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXECUTIVE SEMINAR

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Lt. General Vernon A. Walters  
Deputy Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505


Dear Vernon,

Your appearance with the Foreign Affairs Executive Seminar on our visit to Langley provided the participants with one of the outstanding sessions in our program. Your succinct and insightful observations on recent changes in the intelligence community, especially in CIA, on the problems of Congressional oversight, and on the place of intelligence and secrecy within a democratic society were stated with great clarity and effectiveness. Your candor -- combined with your inimitable wit -- was most impressive; the Seminar officers would like me to pass on to you their appreciation for a superb presentation. They were honored by your taking part in our program.

This will be my last note to you for two reasons. The Seminar, as you know, will not be continued, but also you are about to retire. I should like to extend to you my best wishes, and to tell you how grateful all of us in government are for your thirty-five years of distinguished service. Your courageous actions on many occasions have been in truth an inspiration for us.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

  
Howard E. Haugerud  
Chairman

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